



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Press Release

For Immediate Release:
January 31, 2006

Contact: Mike T. Wintemute
916.324.9670

Cal/EPA Secretary Alan Lloyd: Governor Schwarzenegger's Strategic Growth Plan Makes Clean Air a Top Priority

(SACRAMENTO) – California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Secretary Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D., told legislators yesterday that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Strategic Growth Plan makes clean air a top priority as California continues to grow. Dr. Lloyd discussed the Governor's plan at a hearing of the Assembly Transportation Committee in Sacramento.

"California is bound to add millions of new residents over the next three decades," said Dr. Lloyd. "The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan ensures that, as we grow, we invest wisely in infrastructure projects and technology that ease gridlock, clean the air, and improve Californians' quality of life."

Dr. Lloyd said the Strategic Growth Plan includes \$2 billion for measures to improve air quality, which will help Governor Schwarzenegger achieve his goal of reducing air pollution in California by 50 percent by the year 2010. The plan also invests \$105 billion in transportation infrastructure projects that will relieve traffic congestion, reducing the exposure of millions of Californians to air pollution in their communities and as they travel along the state's highways.

In addition to the new funds for clean air measures in the Strategic Growth Plan, Governor Schwarzenegger also permanently funded the Carl Moyer diesel retrofit program at \$140 million annually, included \$7 million in the state budget for the Breathe Easier program to get gross-polluting vehicles off the road, and approved legislation that provides \$25 million to replace old, dirty school buses with new, cleaner models.

"This comprehensive air quality package targets California's leading sources of pollution—our ports, gridlocked highways, and old, dirty vehicles," said Dr. Lloyd. "

oOo